

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the Abstract as shown below:

--The invention relates to a communication method comprising the following steps consisting in: using a device (4) which is equipped with at least one antenna (11) and at least two contacts (A4, A8) which are connected to the antenna (11); using a chip card (1) comprising a chip (21) which is equipped with at least two surface contacts (C4, C8), a processing module (25) and a radio frequency interface (22) which is associated with said processing module (25) and which is connected to the surface contacts (C4, C8) of the card (1), the surface contacts of the card being connected to the contacts (A4, A8) of the device (4); and transmitting electric signals between the surface contacts of the card and the antenna. The invention can be used, in particular, to increase the communication range of the chip card. The invention also relates to an associated chip card and device--